

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 3, 11, and 13, with the following. A marked-up claim set is attached to show the revisions made.

3. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the carbonyl compound is selected from the group consisting of dimethyl or diethyl acetals of hexafluoroacetone, trichloroacetaldehyde, tribromoacetaldehyde, hexachloroacetone, formaldehyde, benzaldehyde, substituted benzaldehydes and combinations thereof.

11. (Amended) The process according to claim 10, wherein the catalyst is p-toluenesulfonic acid.

13. (Amended) The process according to claim 12, wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of formic acid, acetic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, methane sulfonic acid and combinations thereof.

REMARKS

The claims in the Application are 1-20 with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim. The Specification and Claims 3, 11, and 13, have been amended to resolve various informalities. A revised Abstract has also been submitted on a separate sheet pursuant to the Examiner's request. It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.